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Mr. George H. Balazs, Assistant Marine Biologist
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Dear Mr. Balazs:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 1981 concerning a proposed State Park at Kiholo Bay, North Kona, Hawaii.

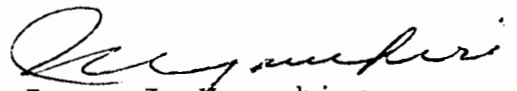
Though Kiholo is a proposed State Park, we do not have any development plans. The acquisition of the private inholdings will be required before a park can be realized, and we usually don't begin with detailed planning until acquisition is assured. As yet we have been unable to move the project to a sufficiently high priority to accomplish the land acquisition.

After acquisition, we would proceed with research and assembly of data on the natural and historical values and characteristics of the area, which are then evaluated in the light of the various public concerns before any management and development plans can be prepared.

So, we are as yet a long way from development plans for this proposed park. Your concern is timely however, as we appreciate receiving any authoritative data at anytime ahead of this planning process. You are pointing out a very interesting value concerning green sea turtles, and one that will need to be considered with great sensitivity during the planning process and ensuing management as a park. By law, we are responsible for protection and preservation of such resources as well as for public enjoyment.

Please keep us posted on your work in Kiholo.

Sincerely,


James J. Yamashiro
State Parks Administrator

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